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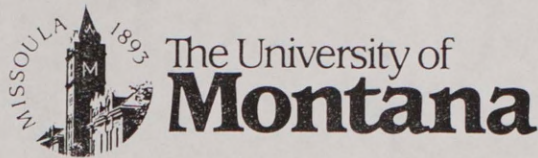
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY HELPING MISSOULA'S HOMELESS

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement, along with the Habitat for Humanity campus chapter and Montana Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) members, will participate in Make A Difference Day, a national day of service from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

During Make A Difference Day, people nationwide will participate in one-day projects that address the needs of their communities, and in Missoula members of these service organizations will work at the Poverello Center, which helps feed, clothe and shelter Missoula's homeless. More than 20 volunteers will prepare, serve and clean up after both breakfast and lunch meals, in addition to sorting clothes that have been donated to the center. Volunteers also will help with basic yard work at the Joseph Residence, a local family shelter, to prepare the grounds for winter.

VISTA is a national AmeriCorps program that places volunteers in nonprofit organizations and public agencies.

Make A Difference Day is supported by USA Weekend, a weekly magazine published by Gannett Co. Inc., and the Points of Light Foundation, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging people in volunteer community service.

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